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REMARKS

This amendment is being filed concurrently with an Appeal Brief and merely cancels claims previously withdrawn from consideration and thus reduces the issues for appeal. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

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